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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 7083

FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJECT: DAILY RICE SITUATION

REF: PHNOM PENH 7022

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN
PHNOM PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 12 TO JULY 22, 1973.

	7/12	7/13	7/14	7/15
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BEGINNING STOCK	10,012	13,445.8	15,266.8	15,516.8
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ROUTE 4	--	--	--	--
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ROUTE 5	--	--	800	--
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MEKONG	4,129	2,371	--	--
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TOTAL AVAILABLE	14,141	15,816.8	16,066.8	15,516.8
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LESS DISTRIBUTION	675.6	550	550	550
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BALANCE	13,465.4	15,266.8	15,516.8	14,966.8
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ADJUSTMENT	19.6			
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BALANCE	13,445.8			
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7/16 7/17 7/18 7/19

BEGINNING STOCK 14,966.8 14,416.8 14,668.8 19,866.8

ROUTE 4 -- -- -- --

ROUTE 5 -- 800 -- --

MEKONG -- -- 5,750 --

TOTAL AVAILABLE 14,966.8 15,216.8 20,416.8 19,866.8

LESS DISTRIBUTION 550 550 550 550

BALANCE 14,416.8 14,666.8 19,866.8 19,316.8

7/20 7/21 7/22

BEGINNING STOCK 19,316.8 18,766.8 19,016.8

ROUTE 4 -- -- --

ROUTE 5 -- 800 --

MEKONG -- -- --

TOTAL AVAILABLE 19,316.8 19,566.8 19,016.8

LESS DISTRIBUTION 550 550 550

BALANCE 18,766.8 19,016.8 18,466.8 - 33.57 DAYS

- 1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 IS CLOSED: 16,066.8 AT 550 - 29.2
- 2) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 12,716.8 AT 550 - 23.12
- 3) IN THE EVENT BOTH ROUTE 5 AND THE
MEKONG ARE CLOSED: 10,316.8 AT 550 - 18.75
- 4) IN THE EVENT BOTH ROUTE 5 AND THE
MEKONG ARE CLOSED AT 600 MT/DAY: 9,766.8 AT 600 - 16.2

2. MEKONG CONVOY - THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH ON THE EVENING OF JULY 12 WITH APPROXIMATELY 4,129 M/T OF RICE. THE MUCH SLOWER BARGES AND TUGS, AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL 7022, ARRIVED THIS AFTERNOON (JULY 13) WITH APPROXIMATELY 2,300 M/T. THE NEXT CONVOY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON JULY 18 WITH APPROXIMATELY 5,750 M/T OF RICE.

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3. RICE DISTRIBUTION - ALTHOUGH TODAY'S RICE DISTRIBUTION EXCEEDED 550 M/T, THE DISTRIBUTION RATE SINCE JUNE 20 REMAINS WITHIN THE 550 M/T PER DAY LIMIT.

4. RICE PRICES - PRICES FOR RICE PURCHASED IN UNITS OF 1 KG. REMAINED RELATIVELY THE SAME AS YESTERDAY'S PRICES. OPEN MARKET PRICES OF RICE PURCHASED IN UNITS OF 100 KG. INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. QUANTITIES OF BROKENS 3/4 IN EXCESS OF 15 KG. COULD NOT BE PURCHASED AND BROKENS 1/2 IN ANY UNIT WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

7/13/73

RICE 1 KG. 100 KG. GKR 100 KG.

1/15	80/KG.	7,500	5,700
1/25	75	7,200	5,500
1/50	65	NOT SOLD TODAY 5,000	
BROKENS 1/2	NONE	NONE	3,700
	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	3,700
BROKENS 3/4	50	SAME	2,500

5. ROUTE 4 - ROUTE 4 REMAINS OPEN AND A CONVOY ARRIVED FROM KOMPONG SOM ON JULY 12. SINCE ALL RICE DESTINED FOR PHNOM PENH HAS DEPARTED KOMPONG SOM, THIS LAST CONVOY CARRIED ONLY MIXED CARGO; THE JULY 15 CONVOY WILL LIKEWISE CARRY NO RICE. THE VESSEL HOEGH PILOT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN KOMPONG SOM ON JULY 16 WITH 5,500 M/T OF RICE AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS ALREADY GIVEN THE GO AHEAD TO ORGANIZE TWO SPECIAL CONVOYS TO BRING THIS RICE TO PHNOM PENH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. INSTEAD OF LOADING IN THE WAREHOUSES, THE TRUCKS IN THESE SPECIAL CONVOYS WILL DRIVE ONTO THE PIER AND LOAD DIRECTLY FROM THE HOEGH PILOT. IF ALL GOES WELL, THIS NEW METHOD OF LOADING SHOULD BE FASTER THAN THE OLD AND WE HOPE TO GET THE HOEGH PILOT UNLOADED AND THE RICE UP TO PHNOM PENH WITHIN SIX DAYS. OF THE 5,500 M/T OF RICE TO BE DELIVERED BY THE HOEGH PILOT, 3,750 M/T WILL GO TO PHNOM PENH AND 1,750 M/T WILL REMAIN IN KOMPONG SOM FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

6. ROUTE 5- ROUTE 5 ALSO REMAINS OPEN AND ONE CONVOY LEFT FROM PHNOM PENH FOR BATTAMBANG ON JULY 12. THE NEXT CONVOY
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FROM BATTAMBANG IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON JULY 14. ONE OF THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH THE BATTAMBANG CONVOYS IS THAT THEY BRING DOWN SO LITTLE RICE AND SO MUCH BROKENS 3/4 WHICH IS USED TO MAKE LIQUOR. AFTER BEING PRODDED BY THE EMBASSY, THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CONTACTED THE BATTAMBANG PROVINCE CHIEF ON THIS PROBLEM AND THE AMOUNT OF BROKENS 3/4 COMING DOWN TO PHNOM PENH SHOULD SOON DECREASE.

7. RICE AIRLIFTS/AIRDROPS TO BESIEGED KHMER TOWNS - ON JULY 12, THE GKR FLEW FOUR SORTIES TO SVAY RIENG, OR HALF THE PROJECTED NUMBER OF SORTIES FOR THAT DAY, FOR A TOTAL OF 12 M/T. IN ADDITION, 58 M/T WERE AIRDROPPED FROM UTAPAO. FOR JULY 13, THE GKR HAS SCHEDULED EIGHT SORTIES OF 3 M/T EACH. NO GKR AIRLIFT TO KOMPONG CHAM TOOK PLACE ON JULY 12 FOR UNCLEAR REASONS, ALTHOUGH 47.6 M/T WERE AIRLIFTED BY USAF C-130'S OUT OF PHNOM PENH. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROJECTED AND ACTUAL GKR-OPERATED SORTIES TO SVAY RIENG AND KOMPONG THOM STEM MAINLY FROM THE FACT THAT CONTRACTS WITH DOMESTIC AIRLINES HAVE NOT YET BEEN SIGNED BY THE GKR DUE TO SOME HARD NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE METHOD OF PAYMENT. REPORTS FROM KOMPONG THOM INDICATE THAT AIRLIFTS RUNNING STEADILY SINCE JULY 1 OUT OF BATTAMBANG HAVE ALLOWED THE FORMER TO BUILD-UP A SMALL STOCK. AT THIS MOMENT THE GOVERNOR OF KOMPONG THOM IS MORE INTERESTED

IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL RICE SEED TO INCREASE THE ACREAGE NOW
BEING PLANTED. THE GKR EXPECTS TO RESPOND TO THE GOVERNOR'S
REQUEST BY AIRLIFTING NINE M/T OF SEED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
WE HAVE A REPORT FROM UTAPAO SHOWING THE FOLLOWING RICE STOCK
SITUATION: (IN ROUNDED FIGURES)

DELIVERED TO UTAPAO : 4,000 M/T
AIRDROPS THRU JULY 12 : 2,890 M/T
ON-HAND JULY 13 : 1,110 M/T

8. THAI RICE - LY KIM HENG INFORMS US THAT HE HAS ASKED THE
MINISTER OF COMMERCE FOR AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH THE PUR-
CHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL 5-10,000 TONS OF THAI RICE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. HE IS PREPARED TO BUY BROKENS AND/OR PARBOILED RICE
SAYING THAT THAI "SUPERIOR NO.1" BROKENS ARE QUITE ACCEPTABLE.
MEANWHILE LY KIM HENG HAS ARRANGED THROUGH THE TAHI SHIPPING
COMPANY FOR TRANSPORT OF THE RICE RECENTLY PURCHASED IN BANGKOK.
THE RATE IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$40 PER TON FOR SHIPMENT
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